



From the Desk of Neha Gill



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Greetings!

On Monday, January 23, 2017 **Mayor Rahm Emanuel**, First Deputy Commissioner at the City of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services **Jennifer Welch**, **Alderman James Cappleman** and his chief of staff, Tressa Feher joined us for a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open our new safe home / emergency shelter!



Official safe home opening and ribbon cutting with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel

The opening was widely covered on television, on the radio and in print! We hope you caught us on the local news, on Univision, on Chicago Public Radio (WBEZ) and on WBBM CBS Radio. We were also featured in the [Chicago Tribune](#) and in [DNAinfo](#) and by the Columbia Chronicle! Visit www.apnaghar.org/apna-ghar-in-the-news for links to all of the media coverage!

We were grateful to have our **community and funding partners** tour the new space and host a reception for [Designs for Dignity](#) who generously donated \$150,000.00 worth of services and goods for our safe home project. We are so thankful for their partnership throughout the process!



Board President Sameer Chhabria, board member Kalsoom Saleem, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Senator Dick Durbin, board vice president Alpa Patel, and executive director Neha Gill at our new safe home

We ended the opening week with a visit from **Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky**, **Senator Dick Durbin** and their staff, Wendy Cohen from the **Attorney General's** office and Shay Robinson from Commissioner **Bridget Gainer's** office. State Senator **Heather Steans**, her chief of staff, Cathy Smith as well as Pat Ewert from State Representative **Kelly Cassidy's** office also joined us on February 21, 2017.

We truly appreciate all the support! [View galleries from the events on our Facebook page.](#)

We sincerely thank everyone who contributed to our year end campaign for our new safe home which significantly increases our capacity to house and care for survivors of gender violence. You can help us make our new space feel more like a home: [Bed Bath and Beyond Registry](#)

We're very excited to announce that this year's **Taste for Life gala** is on **Thursday, May 18,**

2017 at 6:00pm in the beautiful Preston Bradley Hall at the Chicago Cultural Center! Join us for delicious food and live entertainment in the company of like minded people who also support our mission of ending gender violence. For tickets and more information, visit www.apnaghar.org/taste-for-life



Save the Date!

Join Apna Ghar at Taste for Life for an evening of enjoyable treats and drinks from our participating restaurants and beverage sponsors, the chance to win some great raffle prizes, and mingle with other like-minded guests who support our work to end gender violence.

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